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Via Facsimile – 312/886-6065

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Re: Kerr-McGee Chemical Company
Sauget, Illinois Area 2 Site – Groundwater Operable Unit

Dear Mr. Martin:

On behalf of Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (KMC), this letter is to confirm our understanding of the present effective date of the Administrative Order issued by EPA Region V to parties including KMC.

From communications with other parties receiving the Order, we understand that EPA has informed some of the parties that the present effective date is November 16, 2002, based upon the date of receipt by some of the parties. This is to confirm our understanding that the November 16th date applies to KMC as well as other parties receiving the Order, to allow time for the conference of November 5, 2002 in your offices, and related proceedings.

If this is not correct, or if the effective date of the Order is different than expressed above, please inform us as soon as possible. We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Yours truly,

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